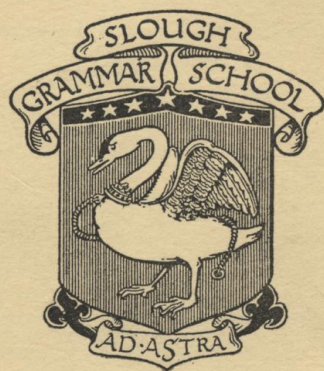


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EDITORIAL

THE year gone by has been a momentous one for the School. Not only are new institutions, new ideas, new activities springing up faster than ever, but there has been the upheaval caused by the sad resignation of the headmaster, Mr. Clarke. A further shadow has been cast by Mr. Murchie's tragic death. But to counterbalance all this, we have seen the best examination results on record, the new lease of life given by the conversion of the 'huts' over the road into a respectable Junior School, and, finally, the glad accession of Dr. Long.

This magazine is planned on a more pretentious scale than some of its predecessors. The main innovation is the printing of photographs and drawings as well as lino-cuts. Efforts have been made to improve in other spheres as well, efforts which I hope will set a tradition in future School magazines that each number should be better than its predecessor. After all, the School motto is 'Ad Astra'—which some wit in the classical Sixth once translated as 'Excelsior'! Nevertheless, with the quality of our School magazine, if not with its size, the sky is indeed the limit.

Whether this limit is approached or not depends partly on the Editor and partly on the co-operation he is given by the rest of the School. In this connection I would like to thank all the members of Staff and all the boys who have so willingly contributed to this magazine, and helped in its production. To all whose efforts were rejected, I would say thank you, but . . . well, your contribution did not seem *quite* suitable, and I had, very regretfully, to omit it.

It has been my aim in compiling this number of *The Swan* that it should adequately reflect the physical, academic and cultural vitality of the School; in other words, that it should show everybody who reads it not only what we do, but, more important still, how we do it.

Of course, the only way of doing anything consistently well is to strive to do it better on each successive occasion. This brings me back to 'Ad Astra', etc. Let us hope, therefore, that in spite of its name neither this nor any future number prove to be a 'Swan-song'; may our banner of 'Excelsior' never land this magazine in the snow and ice of stiff and frozen repetition of facts and figures. Such a publication would be more like a kind of School balance sheet than a magazine.

Finally, we extend, as from the whole School, the warmest of welcomes to Dr. Long. He will, we are confident, maintain the high standard of activity that has always been shown, and make Slough Grammar School a place of which boys, masters, our Governors, and in short the whole town, can be proud.

R. A. NEALE



E. R. CLARKE, Esq., M.C., M.A.

AN APPRECIATION

AT THE END of the Spring Term, 1952, in a special assembly in the School Hall, the official connection of Mr. E. R. Clarke with the School came to an end, but the imprint of his personality on the history of the School will remain as an integral part of its tradition for so long as there is a grammar school in Slough.

Schools change their headmasters usually only at long intervals. Since secondary education was instituted in Slough forty-one years ago, in 1911, two men have had the responsibility of moulding the character and shaping the destiny of the Grammar School.

Mr. Clarke was appointed in 1925, following the death of the first headmaster, Mr. W. F. Smith. The School was then co-educational, and was housed in William Street, in the buildings now occupied by the College of Further Education.

At that time the town was beginning its mushroom growth. More and more secondary school places were demanded and the Head very soon found himself in a maelstrom of expansion without adequate accommodation, a state of affairs which, except for two blissful years following the opening of the Grammar School in 1936, has continued ever since.

To cope with the difficulties of such a situation called for organizing ability of the highest order and fortunately for the School Mr. Clarke was unusually gifted in this direction.

It is difficult for anyone not intimately connected with a closed community like a school to appreciate the multitude of facets which make up a day in the life of a headmaster and the agility of mind necessary to deal adequately and justly with problems as they arise, for school problems left until to-morrow have a malicious habit of multiplying themselves.

That the School has run smoothly and has gone from strength to strength in all its activities, both academic and extra-curricular, during his term of office, is perhaps the best tribute that can be paid to the ability of Mr. Clarke and the success of his policy in the School.

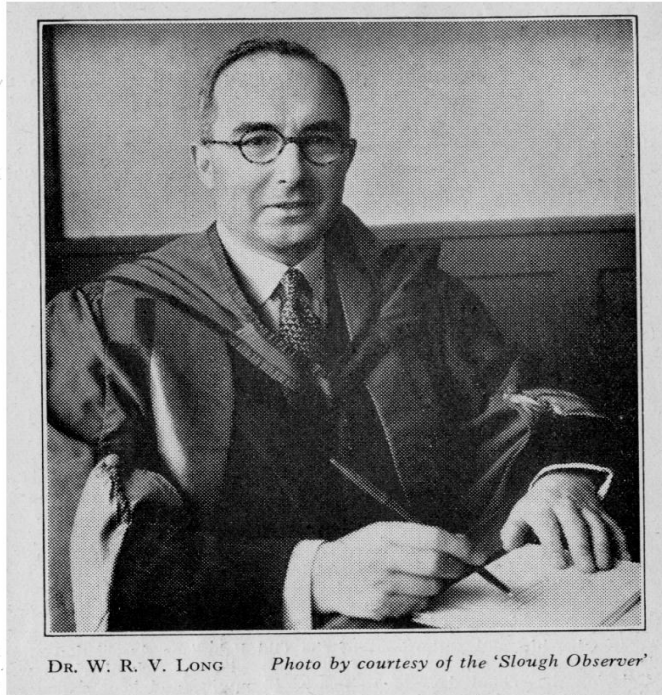
The membership and enthusiasm of the Old Paludians Association afford abundant testimony to the strength of the links with the School which were forged during the school days of so many old pupils, and kept strong and intact by many acts of generosity and co-operation on the part of Mr. Clarke. It is a sad reflection that the Memorial Pavilion, which is to perpetuate the memory of those former pupils who fell during the war, one of the Head's most cherished projects, could not be erected before his retirement.

Any appraisal of the personality of Mr. Clarke would be incomplete without reference to the more human side of his character. He is essentially a man of personal charm and probably no one who has had contact with him in the School will fail to recall some kindness, understanding or sympathy, particularly in cases of difficulty or distress, whether the cause was scholastic or domestic.

He has always been quick to encourage enthusiasm; ready to dampen over-ardour in wrong directions, and to check the wayward. Rare moments of irascibility are forgotten when considered in retrospect in conjunction with so many likeable qualities, particularly when it is remembered that part of a schoolmaster's stock in trade is feigned anger which can be used or dropped at will, chastening offenders while merely ruffling the surface of the master.

Mr. Clarke suffered much in health during the last year of his service. It is the wish of all that he may be able to enjoy a long and happy retirement, and that he may be seen in the School from time to time.

VULGO ENIM DICITUR: IUCUNDI ACTI LABORES,



DR. W. R. V. LONG

Photo by courtesy of the 'Slough Observer'

A Message from Dr. Long

Slough Grammar School enjoys an enviable reputation in scholarship, sport and athletics. This has grown from the devoted work of all those who in the past have kept before them the idea of excellence and have striven in all things progressively to seek perfection. If we at present in the School are conscious of the heritage into which we have entered and are determined not merely to maintain its standards but to enhance them, we too shall have played our part worthily.

SCHOOL NOTES

IT WAS WITH sincere regret that the School took leave at Easter of Mr. E. R. Clarke, who was obliged, under medical orders, to resign after his gallant struggle against ill health. He has our united good wishes for improved health and a quiet retirement.

We welcome Mr. R. G. Saunders to the mathematical staff and as Form Master of IIa.

The School learned with sorrow of the tragic death of Mr. M. H. Murchie last October, so soon after his appointment here.

Mr. S. Jarvis has been appointed to the staff in place of Mr. T. C. R. Evans for woodwork. He is leaving us in July to go to South Wales.

Mr. A. D. Purvis returned in September after a year in East Lansing, Michigan, U.S.A., where he had been in exchange with Mr. R. Budde to whom we bade farewell last summer.

Mr. H. F. Broadbent came as temporary assistant for the Autumn and Spring terms. He is spending the Summer term at Wycombe Royal Grammar School.

Monsieur B. Jarry leaves us soon to return to France after one year as French Assistant. We have appreciated his help and hope he has enjoyed the time he has spent with us at the School.

After many vicissitudes the School library has now been housed in a room large enough to accommodate readers and private study. Mr. Todd is to be congratulated on this achievement. There is now a useful sphere for donors to increase the number of reference works.

Congratulations to Mr. Vincent Evans upon his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Fine Arts.

The Lake District expedition was repeated last Easter and, in pleasant contrast with last year, the weather was superbly warm and fine. More than fifty boys took part under the leadership of Mr. A. D. Purvis and Mr. R. Mills.

Travel Week has again been organized with the same wholehearted enthusiasm and thoroughness of the staff and our thanks are offered to them for the preparatory planning as well as the leadership of the travel parties.

Changes have been made in the ordering of morning assembly. During the Spring term the Friday service was extended to include a second hymn and a sung version of the Lord's Prayer. Since Easter a daily lesson has been read by a rota of School Prefects. Accompaniment of the hymns has been shared by a group of pianists. Our thanks are due to these senior boys who are contributing to this important feature of school life.

Our warm thanks are offered to the Reverend Guthrie Clarke, M.A., for the gift to the School of a large Bible and the loan of an oaken lectern for use at morning assembly.

Enjoying once again an invitation to the School Hall, Eton College, the members of the Sixth Form Arts Group saw Molière's *Le Malade Imaginaire* performed by the players of the Institut Français on the 4th of March.

We welcome another School society—the Photographic Society—which is flourishing under the guidance of Mr. R. Mills.

T. W. S. Groome has brought honour to the School by being chosen to run in two races for the English School Boys Team against Paris University on the 27th April. He has also gained the Buckinghamshire Junior 220 yards Championship in the excellent time of 23.7 seconds.

Six of our boys returned at Easter to Troyes, where they have spent some of their Summer Term staying with the parents of the French Lycéens who lodged here during the Spring Term.

As further expression of their close interest in the School, the Old Paludians have presented a shield to be awarded to the House gaining the best aggregate of points in cricket, football and hockey. Mr. S. N. Jarvis has mounted the shield, which now hangs in the School Hall.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by the Music Society on 5th December listening to Miss Yvonne Catterall, who most kindly came to give a pianoforte recital that was greatly appreciated by the members and visitors.

Hockey has been revived as a winter game and a very successful beginning was made during the Spring Term.

The School Four-Part Choir, trained and conducted by Mr. J. H. Harries, is to be highly commended for its fine success in the Slough Arts Festival Competition in May, where it was placed first in its class and won the Senior Choral Trophy for gaining the highest mark awarded in its Section.

Congratulations to Mr. Purvis and all concerned with the successful production, last Christmas, of Thornton Wilder's play, *Our Town*.

In Memoriam

MORTON HUGH MURCHIE

Mathematics master at this School.

Died October, 1951.

The School, while mourning his loss, extends its sympathy to all who held him dear.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the *Slough High School Magazine*, the *Windsorian*, and the *Wycombiansian*.

SPEECH DAY, 1951

THE SCHOOL ANNUAL Speech Day was held on the evening of Thursday, 6th December, 1951, at the Central Hall. The prizes were presented by Sir Owen Morshead, K.C.V.O., D.S.O., M.C., the Queen's Librarian.

Features of the evening included the presentation to the School of a shield—the Old Paludians' Shield—by an Old Boy, Mr. F. Robotham, on behalf of the Old Paludians Association. The shield is for inter-house competition. The four-part choir gave a rendering of three songs, and the whole School joined in *Non nobis, Domine* to round off the proceedings.

The chairman, County Alderman Aubrey E. Ward, opened the evening by announcing the retirement of the Headmaster, Mr. Clarke, after a period of illness. He paid warm tribute to Mr. Clarke's long term of office, first at the Secondary School and then at the Grammar School.

The Acting-Headmaster, Mr. Anderson, then gave his report. He spoke of the outstanding results in the General Certificate of Education examination. Four State Scholarships, four county Scholarships and several county grants had been awarded, in all twenty-six certificates at Advanced level or higher being obtained, and in the fifth forms sixty certificates at Ordinary level were gained.

Mr. Anderson, in announcing that the number on the roll stood at 528, with fifty-five boys in the sixth forms, spoke of the advantages of a 'fitting top' to the School, a strong sixth form. The acceptance of responsibility by boys of seventeen and eighteen makes the transition from school to the world outside less difficult.

Mr. Anderson then mentioned some other School activities. The Male-voice choir had done well in the Slough Arts Festival; the four-part choir had given good performances. The Civics Society had been addressed by the Mayor, Alderman P. Lightfoot, and other leading citizens, on local government.

During his report Mr. Anderson enlightened parents about the new system of examinations. After five years at school, pupils take subjects at Ordinary level—corresponding to the old School Certificate Credit standard; then after another two years' study, they sit papers at either Advanced or Scholarship level.

SIR OWEN MORSHEAD'S TALK

After presenting the prizes, Sir Owen Morshead spoke on the necessity of education in a civilized community. He showed the difference between mere book learning and true culture. A well-educated man is one who has learnt to distinguish between good and bad, between the worthless and the worthwhile. People should exercise this ability to differentiate, by keeping abreast of current events and by mixing with people and talking with them. Sir Owen advised boys in the School to join the societies growing up in the School, and to take advantage of the unrivalled opportunity given by the Slough Community Centre for meeting other people and exchanging points of view.

Sir Owen thus, in the relatively short time available, made a sound onslaught on the problem of culture and education in the world to-day. Nevertheless he kept clear of the depths into which such a subject might have taken him, and gave a bright, interesting talk, enlivened with anecdotes and a keen sense of humour, while passing on some advice that no one should be advised to neglect.

AWARDS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st JULY, 1951

Form	Prize	Certificates
IIC. ...	Siney, J. ...	Wheeler, P. C., Rowe, A.
IIB. ...	Miles, R. G. ...	Evans, J. M., Henry, A. C.
IIA. ...	Elstone, K. ...	Clarke, J. E., Bowers, R.
IIIC. ...	Rolfe, P. A. ...	Greenfield, R., Orton, A. T.
IIIB. ...	Duckett, B. E. ...	Ashley, P., Hester, R. J.
IIIA. ...	Morgan, J. ...	Ball, K. F., Parsons, B.
IVC. ...	Hobbs, J. A. ...	Smith, R. E., Jordon, J.
IVB. ...	Mann, B. ...	Davenport, J., Pritchard, D.
IVA. ...	Thurgood, M. C. ...	Phillips, H. L., Glanville, L. G.
L. Vc. ...	Hine, G. W. ...	Simpson, D. J., Hancock, J. W.
L. VB. ...	Burnett, D. N. ...	Witchell, G., Wallis, J. F.
L. VA. ...	Goldfine, L. J. ...	Ackrell, B. A. C., Pomfret, D.

Upper Fifth Forms

Oxford General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level).

PRIZES: For passing in all eight subjects taken.

Ansdell, D. A., Grimwood, H. D., Kennedy, G. A., Milsom, H. B.,
Myles, J. W., Askew, M. J.

Certificates:

Seven Subjects. Bench, J. W., Davey, R. C., Flaxman, R., Hodges, D. N.,
Johnson, R. M., Lewis, J. C., Lucas, B. J., Martin, M. G., Morey, R. M.,
Punshon, M. E., Simmons, W. J., Soal, G. H., Thompson, G., Turner, P. J.,
Young, R. R., Fleetwood, J. S.

Six Subjects. Brooks, J., Freeman, J., Holmes, P. L. R., Jones, I., Slater, J. H.,
Edwards, R. J., Goodall, P. W., Grout, C. J., Yeatman, B. W.

Five Subjects. King, R. A., Smith, R. J., Warren, W. R., Williams, L. W.,
Smith, J. M., Smith, T. M., Stewart, D., Walden, M.

Four Subjects. Holness, S. F., Murfitt, G. R., Weatherburn, J., Wren, J. C.,
Phillips, A. E., Taylor, M. J., Turner, M. A.

Upper Sixth Form

Oxford General Certificate of Education (Advanced and Scholarship Levels).

Prizes

Bradley, J. R. (Scholarship Level in Geography; Advanced Level in French
and Latin.) Awarded State Scholarship to London University. Prize
presented by H. F. Allen, Esq.

Ford, J. B. (Scholarship Level in Biology and Chemistry; Advanced Level in
Pure Mathematics.) Awarded State Scholarship to Southampton University.
Prize presented by H. F. Allen, Esq.

Gay, B. (Scholarship Level in Chemistry and Physics; Advanced Level in
Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics.) Awarded State Scholarship
to Birmingham University. Prize presented by the Headmaster.

Neale, R. A. (Scholarship Level in English; Advanced Level in Latin and
French.) Awarded State Scholarship to Oxford University. Prize presented
by the Governors.

Abbott, D. J. (Scholarship Level in Chemistry; Advanced Level in Pure
Mathematics and Applied Mathematics.) Awarded County Scholarship.

Hammond, R. E. (Scholarship Level in Latin; Advanced Level in English
and French.)

Harvey, J. G. (Scholarship Level in Zoology; Advanced Level in Botany and
Chemistry.) Awarded County Scholarship.

Spring, W. H. (Scholarship Level in Chemistry; Advanced Level in Pure
Mathematics and Physics.) Awarded County Scholarship.

Wotherspoon, H. (Scholarship Level in Biology; Advanced Level in Chemistry
and Physics.) Awarded County Scholarship.

Certificates

(Subjects passed at Advanced Level shown in brackets.)

Bailey, P. A. (French, Latin.)

Cook, J. M. (Biology, Chemistry, Physics.)

Day, R. E. (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics.)

Dickson, J. H. (English, Latin.)

Esling, R. H. (Biology, Chemistry, Physics.) Awarded County Grant.

Groome, T. W. S. (English, Geography, History.) Awarded County Grant.

Hall, R. J. (English, Latin.)

Harris, R. S. (Chemistry, Physics.)

James, D. A. (English, French.)

Jewell, D. E. (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics.) Awarded
County Grant.

Loring, W. C. (Biology, Chemistry, Physics.)

Mayor, G. (Biology, Chemistry.)

Paterson, K. J. S. (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics.)

Roper-Lowe, D. A. (Biology, Chemistry, Physics.)

Stockwell, M. B. (Biology, Chemistry.)

Whitbread, V. F. (English, Geography, History.)

Special Prizes

Music (The Miss P. J. Smith Memorial Prize) Bowers, D. N.

The 'Ford' Cup (for outstanding voluntary service to the School) ... Dav. R. E.

Swimming Championship Challenge Cup

(Presented by County Alderman A. E. Ward) Harrison, D. W.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS, 1951-52

School Captain: R. A. Neale.

School Vice-Captain: R. E. Day.

Full prefects: W. Loring, T. W. S. Groome, R. H. Esling, D. J. Abbott,
H. Wotherspoon, D. W. Hamblen, R. Hall, V. E. Amos, D. Reader.

Sub-prefects: J. H. Dickson, W. H. Spring, G. Bateman, D. N. Bowers, W. S.
Creighton, J. D. Killip, P. Leech, B. Mathias, R. J. Peters, J. Ray,
R. Robotham, M. J. Turnbull, B. J. Warwick, D. Wells, R. Willé.

House Captains:

Gray: W. Loring Hampden: J. Lewis
Herschel: D. Reader Milton: R. A. Neale

Cricket captain: R. A. Neale.

Football captain: R. L. Gale.

Hockey captain: R. A. Neale.

Cross Country captain: R. W. Willé.

School Activities

ARMY CADET FORCE

Green berets

AT THE TIME of writing most members of the School Cadet Corps are looking forward to the summer camp. This year it will be held at Lulworth Cove, near Weymouth, from 27th July to 3rd August.

By then all Cadets will have been issued with the green beret in place of the khaki Cap G.S. This will help to remind them of the pride they are entitled to feel because their unit is affiliated to the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry Regiment.

Last summer the camp was at Colwell Bay, Isle of Wight. It was a great success in spite of formidable weather, and all those who attended it will wish to have recorded here their thanks to the Army authorities, the Bucks County Cadet Committee and to the Commanding Officer of the 1st Bucks Battalion (Slough) Army Cadet Force.

Because the examination was postponed until 29th June, it is not possible to announce the successes of those members of the Corps who are sitting for the War Office Certificate 'A'; but we hope that by the time this is printed all will have been successful.

This certificate is a certain benefit not only to those Cadets who choose a career in the Services, but also to those who are called upon to do National Service. We are frequently being told that this is so by the most reliable witnesses—by former Cadets who visit the School on leave from their duties in the Royal Navy, the Army or the Royal Air Force.

We are at this time in urgent need of some recruits to replace those boys who will be leaving the School at the end of the year. The Corps will be sorry to lose these stalwarts who, by their loyalty and keenness, have contributed so much to the reputation of their unit.

Amongst new developments, mention may be made of the course in maintenance and driving for senior Cadets, and the plans for a Signal Section for Cadets in possession of Certificate 'A' Part I.

Finally, whilst all members of the unit have worked hard, particular credit is awarded to Company Sergeant Major Reader and Company Quartermaster Sergeant Holness, our two sixth-formers, for the way they have welcomed their responsibilities and, more especially, for their persistence.

J.W.

THE SIXTH FORM CIVICS SOCIETY

Chairman: V. Amos.

Secretary: D. Hamblen.

Committee: R. Esling, H. Wotherspoon, J. Killip, B. Mathias, D. White, B. Climer, D. Abbott, T. Groome.

THE ACTIVITIES of the Society this year have been very varied. On one occasion we had His Worship the Mayor, Alderman P. Lightfoot, as our guest, and heard a very interesting talk on Civic Affairs. Mr. A. D. Purvis, the senior Geography master, who had been on a visit to America for a year, gave

a talk on the impressions which he received and illustrated it with his own excellent film slides.

The remainder of the programme has been provided by the members of the sixth form themselves, and the scope has been very wide. A forum of four boys, answering questions put by their fellow members, has proved very popular, and some very elucidating discussions on topical affairs have arisen.

Impromptu speeches on a variety of subjects are also a familiar feature, and the five minutes of their duration can prove both interesting and entertaining. The meeting which proved the most lively was the mock-election, which took place at the time of the general election, and provided all the excitement of real politics, as the four candidates for election had extremely strong views.

The motive behind all these activities is to give boys some practice in debate and other forms of public speaking before they leave school. This advantage is probably best gained from the Society's own debates, and certain members have already had to show their capabilities out of the Grammar School. This was when representatives went to Maidenhead for a debate arranged by the South Bucks Inter-Schools Debating Society to which our Society is affiliated.

During the Christmas holidays a representative of the Society went to Westminster to attend the lectures conducted by the Society for Education in World Citizenship, and listened to many well-known public figures.

D. HAMBLÉN (Hon. Secretary)

FOUR-PART CHOIR

THE FOUR-PART CHOIR consists of boys drawn from all parts of the School, younger boys singing alto and treble parts, whilst sixth form and upper school boys sing tenor and bass. Throughout the term these boys voluntarily give up part of their lunch hour to practice.

Our main concern this school year, besides performing on Speech Day, when we sang *The Holy City*, *Linden Lea* and Bach's chorale *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, was our entry in the Slough Arts Festival, competing against adult singers. The adjudication was on Saturday, 17th May, at Slough High School, the set piece of music being *Let us drink and be merry* which, incidentally, was composed by the adjudicator, Dr. C. S. Lang. The choir was highly complimented on its rendering, both by the applause of the audience and from the judgement of Dr. Lang. Not only was the choir placed first in its class with the high mark of 92 per cent., but it also won the Cup awarded to the best choir in the Senior Section. The choir is to be congratulated on this remarkably fine result, but special praise must be reserved for our trainer and conductor, Mr. J. H. Harries, whose skill as a music master is reflected in the fine singing of the choir.

In his official adjudication Dr. Lang wrote: 'This is very fine choral singing, the choir is remarkably accurate in its attention to the smallest details.' It can be said of this choir that it has had a most successful year, the musical prowess of the School standing very high at present. We can look forward confidently, under the expert guidance of Mr. Harries, to further successes in the future.

R. H. ESLING (Librarian to the Choir)

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Our Town by Thornton Wilder.
12th, 13th and 14th December, 1951.
Produced by Mr. A. D. Purvis.

Cast:	Stage Manager	William Creighton
	George Gibbs	Terence Groome
	Emily Webb	Colin Smethurst
	Dr. Gibbs	Robin Day
	Mrs. Gibbs	Robert Giles
	Mr. Webb	Vernon Amos
	Mrs. Webb	William Bradshaw
	with Brian Warwick, Howard Phillips, Roger Bester, Ian Jones, David Roylance, William Bateman, Ronald Faulkner, Ronald Peters, Robin Bowers, Derek Clarke, Paul Youds, and the Grammar School Choir.	
	Stage Managers	Mr. L. J. Cave, Mr. M. Millar
	Electrician	D. White
	Musical Director	Mr. J. H. Harries
	Décor	Mr. S. N. Jarvis
	Box Office	Mrs. J. T. Hazelwood
	Theatre Manager	Mr. J. Wharmby

Our Town, by Thornton Wilder, is a very unusual play. The 'Stage Manager', on-stage for most of the play, guides us through the school days, youth, marriage and separation by death of two inhabitants of the small New England town of Grovers Corners. Appearing first of all on an empty, open stage, the Stage Manager supervises the placing of the scenery, introduces the characters and links the separate scenes of the play. That at least is his early function. Later he takes on an almost superhuman nature, interpreting the highly imaginative closing scenes for our benefit. For as the impassive dead people in the cemetery on the hill survey the life in Grovers Corners below, we realize the depths to which the play probes into human activity, and how profound a meditation it is of our daily life against the background of eternity.

This will probably sound nonsense to you if you do not know the play. With some knowledge of it, however, you will understand the difficult task Mr. Purvis was set when it was decided to produce this play; and what a triumph it was to produce it so successfully. William Creighton, with his marathon part, Terry Groome, Colin Smethurst and the whole company backed their producer up by giving enthusiastic and convincing performances. Yet their greatest achievement lay in that they were successful in forming and maintaining that elusive atmosphere so necessary to hold an audience. This was a triumph of team-work, and a justification of the healthy, daring enterprise shown in selecting the play for production.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY REPORT

President: Dr. W. R. V. Long.
Vice-Presidents: Mr. Mills, Mr. Purvis, Mr. Vivash, Mr. Binstead.
Committee: Chairman, P. Leech; Vice-Chairman, J. Ray; Secretary, M. Turner; Treasurer, G. Turnbull; U. VI, M. Paesler; L. VI, R. Faulkner; U. V, Isaacs; L. V, Clarke; IV, Brooks; III, Bowers.

HALF-WAY THROUGH THE Autumn Term of 1951 it was decided by three members of the Upper Sixth Form (Leech, Turnbull and Mathias), to

try and form a Photographic Society. It was felt that there were quite a number of enthusiasts in the School and that it would be a good idea if they had somewhere to meet and exchange ideas and so on. It was also felt that photography should and could be encouraged in the School. To this end talks by outside speakers and members of the staff were arranged.

The first membership was very encouraging, and soon sixty members were enrolled on the Society's books, although this has since tailed off to about forty.

The first talk was given by Mr. Mills on Competition Photographs, and dealt mainly with the preparation of prints for competitions, and was enthusiastically received. The next was given by an outside speaker, Mr. Wagen of the *Slough Observer*, who told members of his work as a press photographer. The following meeting was also attended by an outside speaker, Mr. Williams, F.R.P.S., who lectured on the different cameras used in various types of photography. In January Mr. Purvis showed us his collection of colour-slides, most of which were taken during his stay in America, and provided an interesting evening. In February an experiment was tried in the Sixth Form room. Members brought along their own cameras and various methods of lighting were attempted, chiefly by Turnbull.

An open Photographic Competition was held and many members entered. The entries were judged by Mr. Mills and Mr. Evans, and Leech was the winner, followed closely by D. White.

It was hoped to pay a visit to the *Slough Observer* office and works, but this was impossible last term. It is hoped that this may be part of this term's programme. Other items for this term include a ramble and a cycle-ride with cameras, a talk by Mr. Mills, a talk by Mr. White and Mr. Purvis, a talk by Mr. C. H. Greville, and a film show.

M. A. TURNER (Hon. Secretary)

MUSIC SOCIETY

President: Dr. W. R. V. Long.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. T. Anderson, S. Binstead, J. H. Harries, V. H. Taylor, D. James, D. Jewell and J. B. Serjent.

Chairman: W. S. Creighton.

Vice-Chairman: R. E. Faulkner.

Treasurer: S. F. Holness.

Secretary: J. D. Killip.

Committee: P. Youds, W. Bradshaw, B. Clinch, D. Jones, J. Barnes, A. Brooks, N. Hamman, A. Berry, A. Buckland, W. Thomas and R. Tandy.

THE AVOWED AIM of the Music Society is the furtherance of interest in music throughout the School. In order to achieve this object the Society holds weekly Thursday lunch-hour concerts in the Lecture Room, at which members present programmes of music played on gramophone records. During each month in term-time is a musical evening, at which there may be a talk on some aspect of music or a recital by an instrumentalist.

The Society is by no means a gramophone society. Visits to concerts in London are occasionally arranged and by far the most successful musical evening was held last December when the Society was honoured by a visit by the well-known concert pianist, Miss Yvonne Catterall.

The Society has thus catered for the most ardent Beethoven lover and the most fervent Bebop enthusiast alike and, simultaneously, has encouraged each to take an interest in the other's favourite type of music.

J. D. KILLIP (Hon. Secretary)

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

President: Dr. W. R. V. Long.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. T. Anderson, E. Morgan, A. D. Purvis, G. Dickinson, R. Vivash, B. Gay and J. Ford.

Chairman: D. M. Reader.

Vice-Chairman: H. K. R. Paesler.

Treasurer: D. C. Greenslade.

Secretary: J. D. Killip.

Committee: J. W. Ray, B. Mathias, B. J. Warwick, M. R. A. Paesler and B. Climer.

THIS SCHOOL YEAR has proved to be a most successful one for the Scientific Society, whose members have enjoyed a most interesting and varied programme of meetings. This has included lectures at the School by members of the Slough Astronomical Society, the Middle Thames Natural History Society, and Slough Geographical Society and by Mr. Purvis and Mr. Vivash. Visits have also been paid to meetings of the Slough Astronomical Society, an I.C.I. film show at New Warren House and a lecture *Traveller in Tibet* by Dr. G. Taylor at the Central Hall. Several films have been shown at the School, including *The Story of Penicillin*, *New Detergents*, *How a Drug is Born* and *War Under the Microscope*, and three meetings of the forum type have been held at which members of the Society have spoken on different aspects of a particular subject. Arrangements are being made for an annual tea to be held at the end of the term.

By means of meetings such as these and of a newly formed library of books on scientific subjects, the Society is attempting to encourage interest in science in the School. On the whole, the Society appears to be succeeding admirably in this object.

J. D. KILLIP (Hon. Secretary)

3B'S PICTURE STUDY COMPETITION

MR. BELL, 3B's Geography Master, sponsored a Picture Study Competition among groups of boys to illustrate the various climatic regions of the world. The competitors had to:

1. Express the life of the regions clearly.
2. Arrange the pictures effectively.
3. Cover the subject of study.
4. Select pictures which conveyed a great deal of information and which were interesting.

The class decided to close the competition on Wednesday, 16th January, and Mr. Bell asked Mr. Purvis if he would judge it. Mr. Purvis kindly consented and came in on Thursday, 17th January, and looked at the displays. In the Geography period on Wednesday, 23rd January, Mr. Bell read out the results.

Mr. Purvis, in his summing up of the displays, said that the most delightful set was the 'Mediterranean Lands' but that the 'Coniferous Forests' was the subject covered most fully. Also he said that the 'Equatorial', 'Prairie' and 'Tundra' regions were very good and showed great interest and work by the compilers. The 'Desert', he said, concentrated on the people too much and did not bring out the landscape. So the result was as follows:

1st—'Coniferous Forests'.

2nd—'Mediterranean Lands'.

Boys collected pictures from all sorts of places—from books, magazines, papers and even from their Dads. The pictures are going to be kept in an album for future reference.

B. BRADFORD

NATIONAL SAVINGS

THE SCHOOL GROUP continues to function with some 180 members, most of whom 'save' regularly week by week. In addition to the normal purposes of a Savings group—purchase of Savings Certificates and running of banking accounts—the School group is used for saving for particular objects. Many use it to build up funds for Travel Week and for holidays.

During the year ending 31st March, 1952, a total of £414 was saved. The grand total now amounts to over £25,000.

W.A.J.

TRAVEL WEEK, 1951

PROBABLY THE MOST outstanding experiences of this year's Travel Week were the two visits when the whole School (except the Upper V Forms) travelled *en bloc* to the Festival of Britain Exhibition and to Southampton Docks.

The journey to the Festival, by reserved railway carriages to Paddington and then by Underground direct to the Festival Station at Waterloo, was accomplished with very little difficulty, boys being on the whole fairly sensible creatures, even when there are 350 of them. They were divided into parties of about twenty, each under a master. Everyone extracted the last possible ounce of interest, information and enjoyment from the Exhibition.

Some 350 boys were also wafted by special train to Southampton, where they were conducted by guides round the whole of the Docks, including the new King George V Graving Dock, and the impressive new Ocean Terminal.

Last year's experiment of holding Travel Week late enough to include the Upper V Forms after their examinations was discontinued, and the II, III, IV, Lower V and Lower VI Forms participated, comprising over 400 boys.

Among trips undertaken for the first time may be mentioned the Lower V visit to the Barclay's Bank Training Centre at Wimbledon, where the bank trains its own clerks by a course of lectures and demonstrations; the visit to Greenwich Palace and Maritime Museum, including the trip through the Pool of London by waterbus from Tower Bridge to Greenwich, which enabled the boys to find their 'sea-legs' and become suitably attuned to the naval atmosphere; and for those interested in art, the visits to the National Gallery conducted by Mr. Vincent Evans.

To give an idea of the scope, in matters of educational and general interest, of this vast undertaking called Travel Week, it may be of interest to list here the usual visits made by each group of Forms. This list is kept fairly constant, so that as a boy moves up the School, his annual Travel Week visits offer him a progressive 'course' in matters of interest suited to his age and illustrating the work he is doing at School.

II Forms: Whipsnade Zoo, Tour of South Bucks (including Berkhamsted Castle, Ashridge Common, Aldbury Village, Ivinghoe Beacon, Wendover, Cymbeline's Mount, Great Kimble, and West Wycombe); trip by boat down London River and Pool of London Docks area; Geffrye Museum (furniture through the ages); Windsor Castle; local dairy; printing works.

III Forms: Salisbury Cathedral and Museum; Stonehenge and Old Sarum; Regent's Park Zoo; South Kensington Museums; Hampton Court; local bakery; jam and sweet factories; Slough Town Hall; London river.

IV Forms: Vale of White Horse; Uffington Castle; Wayland Smith's Cave; Seven Barrows; the Blowing Stone; Kew Gardens; Swindon railway sheds; London railway terminus; London Airport; Southall Gasworks; local power station, waterworks and sewage works; radio, furniture and engineering factories; London bus works at Southall; cycle tour.

Lower V Forms: Round Tour of the Weald of Kent (of geographical interest); St. Albans Cathedral and Verulamium (Roman town, hypocaust and Roman

theatre; museum); Barclay's Bank Training Centre; National Gallery; Greenwich Palace and Maritime Museum; Gomme's furniture factory at Wycombe; papermills; Intertype; E.M.I., Rheostatic; Starch Products; Optical Industries; Bell's Asbestos; Road Research H.Q., etc.; telephone exchange; fieldwork in surveying; Shakespearean play at Stratford-on-Avon.

M.M.

THE LAKE DISTRICT, EASTER, 1952

'See that ye walk circumspectly' (Ephesians).

ON 6TH APRIL at 8 o'clock a bunch of would-be fell walkers and mountaineers congregated outside the School, comprised of those who had been before and were sufficiently inebriated to want to go again and those who had no idea of what they were letting themselves in for. Anyway, they soon found out when they sat down for their first meal at the Brigham Youth Centre.

Next morning parties sallied forth to the hills, and continued to do so for the next fortnight. All the usual peaks were duly conquered, and several new routes introduced. As is customary, trips were arranged to neighbouring sources of interest, such as the Roman Wall and the Iron and Steel Works at Workington, partly because they were worth visiting anyway, and partly because most of the novitiates couldn't walk for blisters.

The weather was unbelievably glorious for the Lakes in April, the like of which I don't suppose we'll see again for many years. In fact it was too good. It brought out the midges. After various experiments it was discovered that dry cigarette ash, rubbed into midge bites, is soothing unless it chances to be still smouldering.

A little scrambling was done by some parties, and the common room was soon full of photographs of various maniacs in the 'Dangle and Cling' school hanging from ropes over precipitous overhangs, or trying to out-do the fly by climbing up impossible rock faces. One could hear them telling of their exploits thus: 'I was in a chimney so tight that I could not use my arms or legs and the only possible means of progress was by using my tongue on the wall . . .' or ' . . . now the Abbey Ridge is just an ordinary steep climb. It is not like the Central Buttress or the Devil's Kitchen where one expects to get killed. . . .'

Talks were given on several evenings by persons well skilled in mountain craft and photography, including Mr. Purvis, who helped fill in some evenings with his exceptional collection of colour slides of America.

I think everybody enjoyed the fortnight, and those who didn't did not deserve to. Retribution was cast on all in the form of a puncture on the way home, but nobody was particularly perturbed about it, with the possible exception of Mike Ford who insisted on pot-holing in the bowels of the coach in a fruitful attempt to remove the faulty wheel.

And so, to all aspiring rock climbers I give this piece of immensely valuable information:

The acceleration of a falling body is

32.2 feet
per second
per
second.

*'I, demens, et saevas curre per Alpes,
Ut pueris placeas et declamatio fias.'*

D. J. ABBOTT, U. VI



LAKELANDER

D. BURDON, L. VB

Games and Athletics

FOOTBALL, 1951-1952

First XI

AGAIN A SHORT season for the first team since hockey is re-establishing itself in the Easter term. Of twelve matches played, six were won, three drawn and three lost—a very satisfactory record.

Colours Awards

2nd half: R. Gale (Captain), H. Vandeppeer.

1st half: B. Ackrell, J. Gale, J. Holdship, J. Davenport, J. Lewis.

Vandeppeer held the fort for a further season and this redoubtable goalkeeper repelled with anticipation and accuracy all attacks on his redoubt.

At the outset we had misgivings regarding the full-back positions—we have been blessed with outstanding backs in recent years but this time it was not easy to see who would don the mantle of these past heroes. The occasion, as usual, produced the men; and during the season it was good to see the steady development of the newcomers. J. Lewis played far above any previous form he had shown and was a thoroughly sound and intelligent defender. J. Holdship kicked well and gradually mastered the art of well-timed courageous tackling. At half-back we knew we were safe; but the progress made by the wing-halves was nevertheless a particular delight. R. Gale, centre-half and captain, maintained his best form. His anticipation and positioning were excellent—he could attack or fall back as required—a starter as well as a stopper centre-half—whilst his kicking was as clean and judicious as ever. He had only one desire and interest—to get on the pitch and do battle. On his right, J. C. Gale disputed his own *sobriquet* of 'Squeaker' by fitting smoothly into this well-oiled, properly geared half-back line. Then this irrepressible was drafted to the front and did grand work at centre-forward. The settled half-back line became J. Davenport, R. Gale and P. Neal.

Davenport was quite outstanding in his application to his job—always eager to learn and to practice—improving all the time—a magnificent team man. 'Sunny' Neal became a very strong defensive player—solid and imperturbable.

A grand middle line—confident but never cocky—gifted but giving all they had—their watchword always 'the game's the thing'.

Up for'ard? Well, we knew we had Brain—that is Brian Ackrell, and the galvanizing G. Dale for the inside forward positions. Ackrell fulfilled all his past promise—scheming and subtling, feeding and fostering, working all the time with will and wile. Dale was more bustling but on his day he touched the heights. Temperamental, but with great agility. On the left wing D. Ludley had his moments—a very skilful footballer hampered only by lack of incisive speed. P. J. Smith came in and, showing great dash, specialized in scoring encouraging early goals. M. Walden was perhaps too neat a footballer to be the ideal centre-forward but he led the line shrewdly and always gave of his best. D. C. Jones played for three School teams—a direct goal-hungry winger, happy in his renewed partnership with the maturing Ackrell. H. Morgan played regularly and showed real football skill—his only fault as a winger was his tendency to 'frills'.

Second XI

Played 13, won 9, drawn 1, lost 3.

A full programme and a very good record. There was perhaps more skill in the side than has been customary—the Seconds have tended to be healthy,

hearty and robust. Fewer changes had to be made, so team-spirit and combination developed. J. Ray deserves every praise for playing hard on the field and performing quietly and efficiently the offstage duties of a captain. W. Clarke played his usual cool and competent game in goal. M. Hall had to forego his chance because of an operation—later, in the Six-a-Sides, he showed what a supremely good goalkeeper he also is. The following served the School well: J. Ray, W. Birnage, M. Turner, W. Hines, G. Lake, M. Johnson, G. Dunkerley; and these helped to make a thoroughly workmanlike forward line: D. Greenslade, L. Goldfine, R. Hall, G. Witchell, with J. Robinson supplying neat touches and B. Nickless, at centre, a crashing success.

Senior League XI (Under 15)

Played 11, won 10, drawn 1, goals 68 for, 13 against.

Winner (for fifth time in six seasons): Bowyer Cup for League Championship.

Winner (for fourth consecutive year): Rebel Shield.

Shared: Grenfell Shield with Maidenhead (2-2).

Played in District Schools' XI: G. Glanville, D. C. Jones, A. Bradbury, L. Glanville.

The season opened on a wary note—we had a remarkably good record to preserve and very few of last year's team available. Above can be seen the results of the season's rebuilding. The Rebel Shield was won again, in spite of a new age-bar enforced in mid-season, necessitating five or six changes in the Easter term. So far so good—the heirs have proved worthy of their forerunners.

The value of the League system for schools is debatable; suffice it to say that our boys have taken each game in the same spirit—eager to play for the game's sake.

We had a little more weight this year. R. Millis filled the goal well. He brought off some excellent saves and was particularly effective in the air. At back B. Pulsford was solid, speedy and venturesome, W. Birnage strong and resolute. D. Dolphin and R. E. Smith proved excellent substitutes.

G. Glanville was the latest in a long line of outstanding defenders. He was safe, fast, untiring; and played at times with real inspiration. His timing and his tackling were superb—wherever one looked on the field Glanville could be seen, covering all danger points—seemingly at one and the same time. At left-back or -half, B. Garner worked tremendously hard and showed grand spirit. B. Hill and J. Gillham showed polish and keen football sense on the left. N. Starks also did well in this position.

At centre-forward D. Edwards played his usual shrewd, goal-scoring part, supported by I. Lewis, thoughtful and expert, and A. Bradbury, very thrustful and hard-working. A. Rackstraw and P. Burden also fitted well into the inside positions, both showing excellent ball control.

D. C. Jones as captain added to his great reputation. He showed all his usual energy and dash, his usual dribbling and shooting skill. His 'let's-get-on-with-the-game-and-no-nonsense' attitude was of great help and inspiration. On the left wing A. Painter, lacking the finer arts, earned his place by his atomic bursts and sizzling shots. F. Barnes also filled this position, with skill and determined spirit. In the Rebel Shield final Pitcher substituted and scored two excellent goals.

In several non-league games the following also represented the School most worthily: K. Hall, J. Hobbs, D. Pritchard, J. Pither, D. Powell, D. M. Jones, D. Burdon, J. Fox.

Intermediate XI (Under 13)

Played 9, won 4, drawn 1, lost 3.

The results make this appear a less successful season than usual, but nearly all the matches were extremely even and keenly contested, with the result in the balance up to the last moment. These are factors likely to produce the best

quality of football among schoolboys—if not among professional teams. Certainly the skill and team spirit exhibited by our boys were well up to standard. The attack seemed to be stronger than the defence—a change from usual.

On the wing J. Fox, captain, showed increasing speed and skill and set a fine example in spirit. When he left, Pitcher took over the captaincy. Pitcher was a model schemer at inside-left and though tending to be slow on the ball, he made good tactical openings and shot hard. C. Symons, the centre-forward, was always the best ball controller on view. His trapping and shooting were very good, and his sudden change of foot in dribbling left many opponents floundering. R. Henry on the wing was speedy and tough, and inside, A. Memmott played with thrust and spirit.

The wing-halves, Windle and K. Butler, improved with every match in both attack and defence. J. Glanville at centre was a good stopper, with plenty of 'guts', but his kicking was at times not strong enough.

At right-back D. Arthur, a tenacious terrier, did well, though sometimes his kicking was inaccurate; and I. Hogg distinguished himself by excellent tackling and powerful clearances. J. Rees was a good goal-keeper, though perhaps inclined to come out too far from his goal.

The following also played: D. Middleton, a most promising half-back; A. Southam, an excellent inside-forward with plenty of football sense; A. Webb, a light but clever winger; C. Toogood, a defender of promise for next year; N. Ward, a clever forward with a good shot; and C. Hale, a goalkeeper needing only experience.

Six-a-Side Tournament

Heavy snowfalls spoiled the end-of-season arrangements, but we contrived to play the Senior Sixes. A good afternoon's sport resulted in D. C. Jones' VI (Jones, M. Hall, P. Neal, D. Clilverd, P. Burden, G. Cox), just defeating 'Dudley' Davenport's VI.

The next heading might well be

'Schoolboy Film Stars'

One of the last efforts of the Crown Film Unit was to produce a documentary film concerned with English football.

A team under R. Gale was filmed on the School ground going through a training routine—ball control, heading practice, etc.—to typify football at the Grammar School stage.

The film was successful and much enjoyed later by the cast at a special showing.

House football results are given in House Notes—these will help to decide the destiny of the new House Shield given by the Old Paludians. May the ranks of the latter's football teams be swollen by those who leave us this year. . . .

So to next season—we hope it will prove as interesting and successful as this one—rich in results—richer in quality of football—and richest in loyalty and school spirit.

HOCKEY, 1952

Captain: R. A. Neale.

Vice-Captain: V. E. Amos.

Team: V. E. Amos; M. J. Turner, G. Holmes; R. E. Day, R. G. Robotham, R. Franklin; D. Greenslade, D. J. Abbott, R. Faulkner, R. A. Neale, G. R. Murfitt.

THE MATCH RESULTS of this year's hockey season will probably rank in the School annals as the inglorious depths of performance. The bare records

show one game drawn, six lost, and victories nil, with a goal account of 6-35.

Behind this lies the hard endeavour and fighting spirit of a group of enthusiastic boys with little experience and generally small ability. The diehard footballers of the School, whose games-ability might have contributed to a better playing sense, could not bring themselves to support a struggling new game. Hence the hockey team showed a strange list of boys to represent the School.

Against practised opponents our team could only struggle to give a brave show of resistance. The boys who thus served the School may justly look beyond the results and regard themselves as pioneers who have contributed handsomely to the effort to establish hockey as another branch of School games.

CROSS-COUNTRY, 1951-52

WHEN ONE CONSIDERS the enthusiasm shown in the School for cross-country running, as compared with that for football, it is not surprising to note that the School had but two outside matches during the whole of the 1951-52 season, and these were at the invitation of the other schools concerned.

The first match (in November) was against Wycombe R.C.S., at the mention of whose name all Slough Grammar School cross-country aspirants shudder. Nevertheless, a team was arranged and on the day all concerned were much relieved to learn that Wycombe were fielding a weak side, as their 'crack' men had received a thrashing from the R.A.F. on the previous week-end. Lack of experience lost us the race, but we did not fall so heavily as we might, being only twenty or so points behind. What was more encouraging was the fact that we had two men home in the first four, Willé and Loring filling second and fourth places respectively.

It was with considerably less pessimism that an even stronger team than that which ran against Wycombe met Bishopshalt and Wycombe in January in a triangular match at Bishopshalt.

Although the weather was inspiring, the course certainly was not! It consisted of a circuit of two playing fields and a tour of a block of council houses. However, no one worried, and the field soon settled down to a grinding pace set by two Wycombe fanatics after the course record. Needless to say, they were first home, but Willé, Cleveland and Faulkner, by filling third, sixth and eleventh places respectively, secured us second place.

Those who preferred thigh-deep mud and bramble bushes to football and hockey were W. Loring, R. Willé, D. Wells, R. Faulkner, S. F. Holness, M. Askew and D. Cleveland. Worthy of special mention is the youngest member of the team, Cleveland, who ran a highly commendable race on both occasions.

R.W.W.

SWIMMING, 1951

THERE ARE NO thrilling battles with other schools to describe in reporting on the School swimming: no gleaming cups snatched from the hands (fins?) of all other contenders. We cannot boast that A. Porpoise lowered the record for the One Length Underwater Backstroke (carrying a brick) by 2/5th second.

School swimming carries on as usual—a rush up to the Baths—if '***y' allows one out early—get changed before Jack Robinson's name is called—and then enjoy forty minutes' romping in the water, making more noise than is humanly possible, to-night's homework and to-morrow's tests happily forgotten.

We did send small teams to the Slough Schools' Gala and swam well but . . . perhaps we shall do better this year—there are some promising youngsters for the Intermediate Team, if they would only practice a little and leave the frogman's goggles and flippers at home!

D.J. (of Locker)

ATHLETICS, 1951

COUNTY SPORTS. Held at the Centre Stadium, Slough, on Saturday, 23rd June, 1951.

Results:

JUNIORS (13-15 years)

100 yards—R. Groome, 1st, 11.3 secs.
220 yards—R. Groome, 4th.
880 yards—W. Birnage, 1st, 2 mins. 23.3 secs.
High Jump—A. Painter, 4th, 4 ft. 9 ins.

INTERMEDIATES (15-17 years)

100 yards—T. Groome, 1st, 10.8 secs.; B. Lucas, 4th.
220 yards—T. Groome, 1st, 24.1 secs.
Hurdles—R. Faulkner, 3rd.
Mile—S. Holness, 3rd; J. Weatherburn, 4th.
High Jump—P. Arnold, 2nd, 5 ft. 4 ins.
Long Jump—B. Lucas, 1st, 20 ft. 10 ins.
Discus—I. Jones, 1st.
Javelin—I. Jones, 1st, 137 ft. 7½ ins.
Shot—L. Williams, 2nd, 36 ft. 10 ins.
Relay Team—(Faulkner, Bateman, Lucas, Groome), 1st.
The Slough team won the Cup for this age group.

SENIORS (17-19 years)

100 yards—W. Loring, 4th.
220 yards—G. Mayor, 2nd, J. Ford, 3rd.
440 yards—W. Loring, 2nd, 55.4 secs.
880 yards—R. Hammond, 3rd.
Mile—R. Antill, 2nd, 4 mins. 57.3 secs.
Long Jump—R. Davey, 2nd, 18 ft. 1 in.; J. Ford, 3rd.
Hurdles—R. Davey, 1st, 19.1 secs.
Javelin—R. Neale, 1st, 141 ft. 4 ins.
Discus—G. Mayor, 1st; R. Day, 4th.
Shot—R. Day, 4th.
The Slough team (*all* Grammar School boys) won the cup for this age group.

As a result of the County Sports the following were selected to represent Buckinghamshire at the All-England Inter-County School Sports at Southampton:

JUNIORS

R. Groome, 100 yards.

SENIORS

R. Neale, Javelin.
G. Mayor, Discus.

INTERMEDIATES

T. Groome, 220 yards.
P. Arnold, High Jump.
B. Lucas, Long Jump.
I. Jones, Discus.

That is SEVEN boys from the School—a more than creditable achievement.

ALL-ENGLAND INTER-COUNTY SPORTS AT SOUTHAMPTON,

JULY, 1951

Groome finished third in the 220 yards Intermediate Class Final. There were forty-five runners in the first round of this event, and the winner's time was 22.7 seconds.

Arnold was placed third in the Intermediate High Jump with a height of 5 ft. 4 ins. Only one boy out of the field of thirty-five cleared 5 ft. 5 ins.

These two performances place Groome and Arnold among the very best in the country in their age group.

Neale was fifth in the Senior Javelin, with a distance of 156 ft. 3½ ins.

ATHLETICS, 1952

SCHOOL SPORTS

Detailed Results

[G—Gray, Ha—Hampden, He—Herschel, M—Milton]

CLASS III

100 yards [Record (1948): 11.9 secs.]—1, M. Deuchar (M.); 2, D. Harding (G.); 3, A. Memmott (He.); 4, A. W. Southam (G.). Time: 13.2 secs.
220 yards [Record (1949): 27.5 secs.]—1, D. Harding (G.); 2, M. Deuchar (M.); 3, A. Memmott (He.); 4, Baxter (G.). Time: 30.8 secs.
Long Jump [Record (1948): 15 ft. 8½ ins.]—1, N. Ward (Ha.); 2, D. E. Harding (G.) and C. B. Toogood (M.); 4, J. D. Willis (M.). Distance: 13 ft. 6½ ins.
High Jump [Record (1951): 4 ft. 5 ins.]—1, G. King (M.); 2, D. E. Harding (G.); 3, C. B. Toogood (M.); 4, R. J. Hannam (Ha.). Height: 4 ft. 1 in.
Hop, Step and Jump [Record (1950): 30 ft. 3 ins.]—1, A. Memmott (He.); 2, M. Deuchar (M.); 3, J. M. Evans (Ha.); 4, B. R. Dearlove (G.). Distance: 29 ft. 5 ins.
Putting the Shot [Record (1951): 44 ft. 2 ins.]—1, A. Memmott (He.); 2, D. Harding (G.); 3, B. A. Thomas (He.); 4, M. Deuchar (M.). Distance: 32 ft. 8 ins.
Throwing the Cricket Ball [New event]—1, B. Dearlove (G.); 2, D. Middleton (G.); 3, J. D. Willis (M.); 4, A. Williams (G.). Distance: 53 yds. 1 ft. 7 ins.
Relay (4 x 110 yards)—1, Gray; 2, Milton; 3, Herschel; 4, Hampden. Time: 60.1 secs. Winning team: Harding, Baxter, Williams, Southam.

CLASS II

100 yards [Record (1948): 11.6 secs.]—1, D. Walton (G.); Tie for 2nd place between D. Delaney (Ha.), A. Rackstraw (G.), R. Smith (Ha.). Time: 12.5 secs.
220 yards [Record (1948): 25.4 secs.]—1, D. Walton (G.); 2, B. R. Richardson (M.); 3, R. E. Smith (Ha.); 4, D. Delaney (Ha.). Time: 28.9 secs.
440 yards [Record (1951): 61.3 secs.]—1, D. Delaney (Ha.); 2, J. A. Jones (He.); 3, P. A. Rolfe (Ha.); 4, A. Bradbury (G.). Time: 64.3 secs.
880 yards [Record (1951): 2 min. 27.2 secs.]—1, B. Richardson (M.); 2, D. Delaney (Ha.); 3, M. Gillham (G.); 4, G. Cox (M.). Time: 2 mins. 39.4 secs.
Long Jump [Record (1949): 17 ft. 10½ ins.]—1, J. Little (He.); 2, K. Ball (M.); 3, R. Smith (Ha.); 4, D. Delaney (Ha.). Distance: 16 ft. 3½ ins.
High Jump [Record (1949): 4 ft. 8½ ins.]—1, D. Delaney (Ha.); 2, J. Morgan (He.); 3, K. F. Ball (M.); 4, D. Burdon (He.). Height: 4 ft. 6 ins.
Throwing the Javelin [Record (1951): 121 ft. 7½ ins.]—1, M. Flynn (G.); 2, E. Bevan (Ha.); 3, B. Chase (M.); 4, F. Bird (G.). Distance: 109 ft. 3 ins.
Throwing the Discus [Record (1951): 111 ft. 4 ins.]—1, F. Bird (G.); 2, B. Chase (M.); 3, R. Millis (G.); 4, D. J. Walton (G.). Distance: 93 ft.
Putting the Shot [Record (1944): 42 ft. 4 ins.]—1, E. Bevan (Ha.); 2, M. Flynn (G.); 3, B. Chase (M.); 4, D. Delaney (Ha.). Distance: 45 ft. 8 ins. *New Record.*
Throwing the Cricket Ball [New event]—1, M. J. Flynn (G.); 2, P. A. Rolfe (Ha.); 3, B. Chase (M.); 4, E. Bevan (Ha.). Distance: 72 yds. 1 ft. 8 ins.

Relay (110, 220, 110, 220 yards)—1, Gray; 2, Hampden; 3, Herschel; 4, Milton. Time: 1 min. 25.5 secs. Winning team: Walton, Anderson, Rackstraw, Bradbury.

CLASS I

100 yards [Record (1951): 10.6 secs.]—1, T. W. S. Groome (G.); 2, R. Groome (M.); 3, R. Faulkner (G.); 4, W. Loring (G.). Time: 10.8 secs.
 220 yards [Record (1951): 23.75 secs.]—1, T. W. S. Groome (G.); 2, R. Faulkner (G.); 3, W. Loring (G.); 4, R. Groome (M.). Time: 24.9 secs.
 440 yards [Record (1951): 55.6 secs.]—1, W. Loring (G.); 2, S. F. Holness (He.); 3, W. H. Birnage (Ha.); 4, R. L. Gale (M.). Time: 59.4 secs.
 880 yards [Record (1949): 2 mins. 9.5 secs.]—1, R. W. Willé (G.); 2, W. Loring (G.); 3, D. Cullimore (G.); 4, J. C. Gale (Ha.). Time: 2 mins. 17 secs.
 Mile (Scratch) [Record (1949): 4 mins. 50.35 secs.]—1, R. W. Willé (G.); 2, J. C. Gale (Ha.); 3, W. Loring (G.); 4, D. Cleveland (G.). Time: 4 mins. 59.8 secs.
 Long Jump [Record (1944): 20 ft. 10 ins.]—1, R. Faulkner (G.); 2, R. A. Neale (M.); 3, I. Jones (He.); 4, A. S. Painter (G.). Distance: 18 ft. 9½ ins.
 High Jump [Record (1937): 5 ft. 6 ins.]—1, I. Jones (He.); 2, A. S. Painter (G.); 3, D. Ludley (Ha.); 4, R. J. Peters (He.). Height: 4 ft. 11½ ins.
 Throwing the Javelin [Record (1951): 153 ft. 3½ ins.]—1, R. A. Neale (M.); 2, I. Jones (He.); 3, R. E. Franklin (M.); 4, G. Lake (He.). Distance: 151 ft. 8½ ins.
 Throwing the Discus [Record (1940): 107 ft. 7½ ins.]—1, J. Barnes (M.); 2, R. E. Day (M.) and I. Jones (He.); 4, R. Saul (G.). Distance: 98 ft. 10½ ins.
 Putting the Shot [Record (1943): 50 ft. 10 ins.]—1, R. E. Day (M.); 2, I. Jones (He.); 3, R. Saul (G.); 4, M. A. Turner (M.). Distance: 42 ft. 6½ ins.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball [New event]—1, R. A. Neale (M.); 2, G. Lake (He.); 3, D. K. Page (Ha.); 4, A. C. Antill (He.). Distance: 95 yds. 2 ft.
 Relay (110, 220, 220, 440 yards)—1, Gray; 2, Herschel; 3, Milton; 4, Hampden. Time: 1 min. 46.4 secs. Winning team: T. W. S. Groome, W. Loring, J. Mansfield, R. Faulkner.

OPEN EVENT

Mile Handicap [Record: 4 mins. 58.6 secs.]—1, J. C. Gale (Ha.); 2, D. Cleveland (G.); 3, M. Firth (G.); 4, W. Loring (G.). Time: 5 mins. 2.7 secs.
 HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP (Headmaster's Cup)—1, Gray, 226½ pts.; 2, Milton, 166 pts.; 3, Hampden, 128 pts.; 4, Herschel, 118½ pts.
 INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP. CLASS I (Johnson Cup)—1, I. Jones (He.), 15½ pts.; 2, W. Loring (G.) and R. A. Neale (M.), 13 pts.; 3, T. W. S. Groome (G.) and R. W. Willé (G.), 10 pts.
 HIGHEST NUMBER OF POINTS GAINED FOR HOUSE. CLASS II (Smith Cup)—1, D. Delaney (Ha.), 26 pts.; 2, M. J. Flynn (G.), 17 pts.; 3, B. Chase (M.), D. Walton (G.), E. Bevan (Ha.), 13 pts.
 HIGHEST NUMBER OF POINTS GAINED FOR HOUSE. CLASS III (Steil Cup)—1, D. E. Harding (G.), 22½ pts.; 2, A. Memmott (He.), 19 pts.; 3, M. Deuchar (M.), 17 pts.; 4, B. Dearlove (G.).

Inter-school athletic matches have been arranged this term with Windsor C.B.S. and with High Wycombe R.G.S. This is a new venture and should prove of great benefit to School athletics.

CRICKET, 1951

1st XI

Captain: V. E. Amos.

Vice-Captain: P. A. Seal.

Committee: R. A. Neale, R. E. Day.

Team: V. E. Amos, P. A. Seal, R. A. Neale, R. E. Day, H. Wotherspoon, G. Mayor, J. B. Ford, R. M. Johnson, T. G. Taylor, L. Goldfine, L. Williams, D. J. Abbott.

THE SCHOOL 1st XI last year had a most successful season. Led by Amos, who topped both batting and bowling averages, the team won thirteen of their matches, and, till very late in the season, had only lost two. At the end of the season the team, rather stale perhaps, surprisingly lost two games in quick succession. Highlights of the season were a score of 64 not out by Amos—a score which won the match against Wycombe Royal G.S.—49 not out by Neale, which did the same against Borlase School, Marlow; resounding wins over Old Paludians and Staff, and a hard-fought draw with a Parents' XI. The best bowling performances were, rather inevitably, by Amos, who twice took six wickets for six runs.

New fixtures were played against Dr. Challenor's G.S., Amersham, Henley G.S., Southall G.S. and Chiswick G.S.

Except when exams. or athletics called, the team remained more or less unchanged, and each member had a part to play—there were no passengers.

RESULTS

Opponents	Result	Score
Windsor C.B.S.	Lost	Windsor 109-5 dec. School 48.
Slough Tech.	Won	School 101 (Amos 32) Slough Tech. 32 (Amos 6-6)
Amersham G.S.	Drawn	School 122-6 dec. (Amos 42, Taylor 34) Amersham 57-5 (Goldfine 4-13)
Borlase, Marlow	Won	Borlase 85 (Wotherspoon 4-19) School 87-2 (Neale 49*, Taylor 29)
Wycombe R.G.S.	Won	Wycombe 97-8 dec. (Wotherspoon 3-6) School 98-4 (Amos 64*)
Maidenhead C.B.S.	Won	Maidenhead 38 (Wotherspoon 5-19) School 39-6
Windsor C.B.S.	Lost	School 48 Windsor 49-6 (Amos 3-14)
Ashford C.G.S.	Abandoned	because of rain.
Henley G.S.	Won	Henley 42 (Amos 6-6) School 43-3 (Amos 29*)
Southall G.S.	Won	School 72 (Neale 25) Southall 43 (Amos 6-18)
Ranelagh G.S.	Won	Ranelagh 71 (Amos 5-21, Wotherspoon 4-8)
Parents XI	Drawn	School 75-7 (Johnson 20) Parents 139-8 dec. (Mr. Bowers 66, Amos 5-39)
		School 107-7 (Ford 30, Mayor 25*, Mr. Dilnot 2-10)
Maidenhead C.B.S.	Won	School 76 (Amos 18) Maidenhead 60 (Amos 5-14, Wotherspoon 4-13)
Slough Tech.	Won	Slough Tech. 55 (Abbott 5-13) School 57-7 (Taylor 23*)

Opponents	Result	Score
Old Pals	Won	School 139 (Amos 40, Johnson 28) Old Pals 63 (Mills 23, Amos 4-14)
Wycombe Tech.	Won	School 139-5 dec. (Amos 39, Taylor 33, Neale 20) Wycombe 102 (Wotherspoon 6-24)
Strodes School, Egham	Drawn	School 121-8 dec. (Johnson 36, Neale 32, Amos 22)
Borlase, Marlow	Lost	Strodes 59-7 (Goldfine 2-9) Borlase 113 (Amos 4-27) School 100 (Amos 40)
Slough C.C. Juniors	Won	Slough Juniors 56 (Amos 8-22) School 59-3 (Amos 22*)
Chiswick C.G.S.	Lost	Chiswick 53 (Wotherspoon 4-25) School 51
Staff	Won	School 112-3 dec. (Amos 54, Day 24*) Staff 60 (Mr. Mills 45, Seal 3-6)

Played 21; won 13; drawn 3; lost 4; abandoned 1.

LEADING AVERAGES

Batting: (Qualification—five completed innings).

Name	Inns.	Times Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
Amos	19	3	437	64*	27.96
Neale	16	1	201	49*	13.4
Taylor	18	1	203	34	11.94

Bowling: (Qualification—ten wickets)

Name	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average
Amos	197.4	61	374	70	5.34
Wotherspoon	147.3	43	333	52	6.4
Goldfine	73.1	20	165	21	7.86

Catches: Amos 7, Williams 7, Johnson 6.

CRICKET, 1952

1st XI

Captain: R. A. Neale.

Team: R. A. Neale, V. E. Amos, R. M. Johnson, L. Goldfine, B. A. C. Ackrell, J. M. Smith, G. Lake, R. L. Gale, D. C. Jones, I. Lewis, D. Edwards, J. Morgan.

OWING TO BAD weather conditions, only one 1st XI match has been played at the time of going to press. This was against Dr. Challenor's G.S., Amersham, and resulted in a win for the School. Score:

School—95-7 dec. (Neale 27, Ackrell 24*)
Dr. Challenor's G.S.—48 (Amos 5-14).

2nd XI

Captain: R. J. Hall.

Team: R. J. Hall, J. Lewis, J. Ray, J. Ditchfield, R. Saul, B. Robinson, A. Antill, G. Holmes, M. Hall, J. Hines, W. Birnage.

Results to date:

Opponents	Result	Score
Licensed Victuallers' School	Won	L.V.S. 43 (Lake 7-12) School 44-7 (Smith 14, Hall 13)
Dr. Challenor's G.S. Amersham	Lost	Amersham 38 (Holmes 5-7) School 27 (Lewis 10)

House Notes

GRAY HOUSE

OFFICIALS:

Captain, W. C. Loring; Vice-Captain, H. Wotherspoon; Secretary, J. D. Killip; Committee, V. E. Amos, B. A. C. Ackrell, R. Faulkner.

ALL-ROUND SUCCESS has marked the year for Gray House. For the fourth consecutive year the School Athletic Sports were won by Gray, this year by the comfortable margin of 60½ points; a significant feature of this victory was the fact that the House gained the most points in each of the three classes. Outstanding individual performances were made in Class I by W. C. Loring (13 points—tied for second place) and T. W. S. Groome and R. W. Willé (10 points each—tied for fourth place). In Class II M. J. Flynn (17 points—second) and D. J. C. Walton (13 points—tied for third place) did excellently. In Class III D. E. Harding (22½ points—winner of the Steil Cup) and B. R. Dearlove (9 points—fourth) were the best of the House's representatives.

In the Football Championship, too, Gray had an easy win, gaining 46 points out of a possible 54 points. Not a single point was dropped by the House teams in the Seconds, Fourths and Lower Fifths. In the Cross-Country Gray were just beaten into second place by Hampden, who obtained only 20 points less than the Gray total of 617 points. R. W. Willé in the Seniors and D. Cullimore in the Fourths were individual winners, though only in the Seniors was there a winning Gray team.

Among those who will be leaving at the end of this term are W. C. Loring, House Captain, holder of the Class I 440 yards record; H. Wotherspoon, Vice-Captain, who has served the School well on the cricket field; V. E. Amos, who, besides being the outstanding cricketer in the School, has represented the School at hockey; and T. W. S. Groome, who holds the records for the 100 yards and 220 yards in Classes I and II. We hope that these and all others in Gray House who will be leaving School this term enjoy every success in the future.

J. D. KILLIP (Hon. Secretary)

HAMPDEN HOUSE

OFFICIALS:

Captain, J. Lewis; Secretary, W. Birnage; Committee, J. Gale, R. A. Glanville.

WE ARE PLEASED to record another satisfactory year's progress for Hampden House.

Congratulations go to B. Gay on winning a State Scholarship to Birmingham University.

In the realm of sport we also held our own. In the annual cross-country we were the winners over the whole School with an aggregate of 597 points. Forms II and IV were winners in their respective classes. The only individual winner was Dolphin in the Lower Fifths.

As regards football we were second in the School competition with 30 points. The Senior and Third Form teams won in their separate divisions.

In the School Sports this year we were third in the House Championship. In Class I, J. Gale won the mile handicap. In Class II, D. Delaney's performance was outstanding. He won the Smith Cup for gaining the highest number of points for his House in this class. His record was: First in the High Jump and 440 yards; second in the 100 yards and 880 yards. Another good performance in Class II was E. Bevan's new record for putting the shot, with

a putt of 45 ft. 8 ins., which breaks the previous record by 3 ft. 4 ins. He was also second in the Javelin. In Class III, N. Ward was first in the Long Jump. We look forward to greater success next year.

W. H. BIRNAGE (Hon. Secretary)

HERSCHEL HOUSE

Captain: D. M. Reader.

AS FAR AS athletics are concerned, Herschel has not had a very good year, but our performance looks worse on paper than is really the case. Herschel finished last in the House competition this year, but it should be pointed out that Herschel had only fifteen competitors in the field on sports day, and as our score shows, these fifteen acquitted themselves well. The weakness, then, is with the House as a whole, not with the individual members. The House was poorly represented in Class II, where we had very few major successes, but the House was well served in Class I by the versatile I. Jones, who was awarded the Cup for the most outstanding individual performance. Similarly, in Class III, A. Memmott earned a few more points for Herschel, winning the Shot, and Hop, Step and Jump, and being well placed in the sprint events.

I think next year, if the House gains a sufficient amount of new blood in the junior school, our performances will be far more creditable. The weakness in Class II will be countered by the influx from Class III, and I. Jones will still be the stalwart of Class I.

The performance of Herschel boys in the General Certificate of Education exams. has been very good—W. Spring and D. Abbott gained County Scholarships, and a third, R. E. Hammond, reached the standard required.

In House football, Herschel was placed third in the second forms, third in the thirds, third in the fourths, fourth in the Lower fifths, and fourth in the Upper fifths and Sixth forms. R. Hall, of Herschel, captains the School cricket 2nd XI this season.

D. M. READER

MILTON HOUSE

OFFICIALS:

Captain, R. A. Neale; *Vice-Captain,* R. E. Day; *Secretary,* D. W. Hamblen; *Committee,* R. M. Johnson.

ONCE AGAIN MILTON concludes a successful year in the field of athletics. Our final position was second, with 166 points—three more than last year, though still not enough to beat Gray. In Class I, R. Neale deserves special mention, winning 13 points for his house and gaining five standards. B. Chase gained 13 points in Class II, and the fact that M. Deuchar, in Class III, gained 17 points, indicates that Gray may find it more difficult to win in years to come.

The House did fairly well by coming third in the football championship. The Lower Fifts and Seconds showed the best performances, both coming second, while the seniors gained third place.

The strength of the hockey team is indicated by the fact that the House provided five players for the School 1st XI, although there were no House matches.

The final result of the cross-country running was unfortunate for Milton, which took the last place, but we must look forward to a better result next year.

No House cricket matches have been played yet this term, but we should congratulate our House Captain on his being elected to captain the School 1st XI, which includes several other members of the House.

Finally, Milton's successful year calls again for mention of R. Neale, who gained a State Scholarship and has secured entrance to Balliol College, Oxford. Another worthy of note is J. B. Ford, who was also awarded a State Scholarship, and who is now studying at Southampton University.

D. HAMBLÉN (Hon. Secretary)

A School Anthology

THIS WINDSOR

By A. BROOKES, 4B

A Royal borough and riverside town,
Often a scene which is happy and gay,
Folks on whose faces are smiles—not one frown—
Come to enjoy themselves here for a day.

The river so packed with all manner of craft,
Shops and cafés as full as can be,
Pleasure-boats, rails lined fore and aft;
Throngs watch these sights from the nearby lea.

This was the scene throughout the years;
The ancient castle had watched them all.
But now came a time of sorrow and tears
When over this town hung a dark, heavy pall.

'Neath grey skies a silence descended
On a day when all the throng did mourn;
For a short, eventful reign had ended—
A Sovereign back to his home was borne.

THE MAKING OF STAINED GLASS IN THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY

By A. S. PAINTER, L. VA

STAINED GLASS was first brought to Britain in 680 A.D. by Benedict Biscop, Abbot of Wearmouth, although general use was not made of it until the time of the Normans, about 1100 A.D. Windows usually consisted of Biblical scenes in rather bad colouring with not very artistic representation.

The glass was made molten in a conical furnace heated by a wood fire in the base. This glass could be given several different colours depending on what metal oxide was added, for different metal oxides produce different colours when added to glass. For example, copper oxide would be red. When molten, the glass could be made into flat or nearly flat sheets by several methods, the most common being the 'Muff' process. The molten glass is deposited on a metal blowpipe in a lump and blown to a cylindrical shape, after which it is slit down one side and opened out to a flat sheet about eight inches square.

These sheets would be sent to different glaziers when required. The glazier was the artist who composed the subject for the window and drew it. For this purpose he had a table covered with whitewash on which he would draw in charcoal a full-size picture of the window. The pieces of glass were very carefully cut to shape by drawing a hot iron bar over the glass and dropping cold water in its wake, so leaving a crack in the desired place. A 'grozing iron', as it was termed, was then used to snap the glass. The grozing iron looked something like a tin-opener with a notch in it so that the edge of the glass could be slipped in. The 'joyner' would then fix the glass together with lead binding, adding a double strip all the way round the outside of the window when finished, for strength.

CHRISTMAS

By R. CARGILL, 2A

Up in the clouds
 Where the stars twinkle bright,
 Christmas is here,
 Santa's coming to-night,
 Through the snow
 On his deer-drawn sleigh,
 Santa's bringing toys
 For us all to play.
 Back up the chimney he climbs,
 Just in time to hear the clock chimes,
 Away to another house he goes,
 And we must wait for next winter's snows.

DISCOVERING MUSIC

By R. H. ESLING, U. VI

THE SCENE IS Festival Hall, London, a party from the Grammar School assembled outside. Most of them stand to one side admiring the gleaming paintwork of the pumps, which, working on a principle of heat exchange, warm the atmosphere of the hall to an equable pleasant state.

But we came not to deal with the disciplines and rigours of mathematics or the brain-paralysing logics of physical principles, we came to sample the beauties of music. Let us delay no longer, push open the glass panelled doors and tread the gently coloured carpets, ascend the sweeping staircase, look up and down and all about, viewing the splendour and amplex of the building. There are no corridors, each storey is as a floor-space suspended in the air. Such is the spacious and grandiose refinement of London's new hall.

Show your tickets and watch those talismans to beauty rudely torn asunder, clutch your half in a hot hand and with wondering large eyes enter the concert hall. All is light, and yet the source remains unseen, a veritable fairy-land of fragrance. Dulcet pastel colours, brilliant burnished woodwork, soft grey of plaster and sombre reds of leather arm-rests; sink into your armchair, drink in the atmosphere, look about you.

There below the orchestra assembles. The murmur of voices suddenly swells into a *crescendo* of applause as the leader of the orchestra takes his place. An expectant hush . . . and a tumult of clapping as the conductor reaches the rostrum. He bows, turns, raises his baton. A disciplined silence as the patrons lightly finger their programmes. All stand as the strains of the National Anthem fill the air. The audience re-seat themselves and are hushed, all eyes are upon the erect figure in evening dress with arms raised, baton lightly held in one hand. The arms descend in a sweeping arc and the air is charged with the crashing chords of *Die Meistersinger* Overture of Wagner. The majesty of such stirring melody is soothing to the ear, the sight of the discipline of violin bows and black-sleeved arms is pleasing to the eye. The conductor seems to draw the music from his watchful players. Stirring chords, rolling drums, a multitude of violins dispel the cares of the world. All earthly worries disappear, evaporate in the warmth of such excitement. What Churchill said in the House to-day is unimportant, we listen only to the voice of the violins. How the pollen grains fertilize the ovum of *Lilium* is of minor importance, we witness only the effect of the intermingling of strings, brass and woodwind. The last notes fade away, the patrons' applause reminds us that we are not alone, although we seemed so for a space.

Such is the beauty of a grand concert. It refreshes the soul and blows away the cobwebs of dull routine from the mind. We are at peace with ourselves in discovering the marvels of this melodious music!

TRAINING—FOR SPRINTERS AND OTHERS

By TERENCE W. S. GROOME

'Without toil there have triumphed very few.'—*Pindar*.

I HAVE BEEN asked by the Editor to write an article on training for sprinters. This is not an easy task. It is very difficult, and often dangerous, to lay down the rules as to how any particular athlete should train himself for his particular event. Training is very much an affair for each individual; what is good for one athlete may not agree with the next person. My own training methods are the result of receiving advice from two great American coaches, from watching such athletes as McDonald Bailey and Arthur Wint in action, and, most important of all, from what my father and I have worked out together. Bearing in mind the risks attached to dogmatizing there are, however, certain pieces of advice I can offer to the would-be sprinter.

Firstly, I would advise all embryo sprinters to attach themselves to a good coach. I cannot over-emphasize the advantages I have gained in possessing a father who has a wide knowledge of track athletics. He has been of great value in helping me to develop style, relaxation, the will in really wanting to run, and confidence in myself when in condition. But, young athletes, beware! There are, unfortunately, only too many people ready to offer advice, who have not, in actual fact, the slightest knowledge of the science of athletics.

If the sprinter aims to reach his peak in July then he should commence his training in the previous September or October. This allows him ample time to build up gradually. At first he should content himself with jogging one-and-a-half to two miles, walking at least two miles a day, and going through a series of well-thought-out exercises. Exercises which strengthen the torso, legs and arms are particularly important during this period. The aim throughout the early part of the winter should be to develop stamina and general muscular freedom and looseness.

After this preliminary period, which lasts at least until Christmas, the sprinter should begin to speed up his training. He should cut down on the amount of jogging, and instead he should do a great deal of 'striding' [running fairly fast, with long paces, as the term suggests—*Ed.*]. Striding 300 yards, jogging for a while, and then striding 300 yards again, more jogging, and so on, is particularly beneficial. As the athlete approaches peak condition he should do numerous short sprints and also much starting practice. The training of a sprinter during the competitive season should consist of under-distance work, that is, forty-yard sprints, and over-distance work, that is, fast 250 to 300 yard strides, as well as numerous starts. These training hints are largely a summary of my own methods. However, all athletes should observe one golden rule—they should never train when tired.

It is impossible to say how often an athlete should train. Even among the champions methods vary considerably. For example, to all intents and purposes McDonald Bailey trains every day; Roger Bannister trains only three times a week; while Zatopek, the greatest long-distance runner in the world, trains every day, and often twice a day. For myself, I aim to train five times a week, although two years ago I trained only three times a week. The young sprinter should remember that it is better to arrive for a race under-trained than over-trained. Never should training become a hardship or a drudgery; it should always remain fun.

And, finally, a few general hints. When training always work on your weaknesses (McDonald Bailey pointed out to me that my knees did not rise high enough with each successive 'bound'. All last winter I strove, by various means, to promote a higher knee-action); develop good training habits; avoid smoking, alcohol and late nights; learn to relax when running, and try to develop a good style; don't become disheartened, even when you are beaten badly; and remember to train within your capacity, ease up when feeling tired, and always give of your best in an important race.



B. PASSLER, II B.

SPRING

By J. GLANVILLE, III B

Now that Spring is coming,
Nature begins to stir,
The bluebell bulbs in the woodland
Peep up from under the fir.

The grass begins to grow
The hedgehog awakes from its sleep,
The rabbit is romping in the wood
While the lambs in the field leap.

FIVE O'CLOCK

By P. SIMPSON, L. V B

THE COUNTRY LANE twists and turns under a canopy of multi-coloured leaves and foliage. The filtered rays of early-morning sunshine creep through the trees and sparkle and glisten on some little puddles left by the evening rain. Clustered around the pools of rain groups of starlings are drinking. Overhead, some smaller birds are singing, impatient for their turn. The smell of new-mown hay drifts from a nearby field which is dotted with wheatsheaves.

Then a car comes winding along the rough lane. The flock of starlings peer round and, as if acting on a signal, rise, and to the accompaniment of harsh beating of wings, fly into the unblinking eye of the sun.

OBITUARY

By B. MATHIUS, U. VI

The old year died with grace,
So gracefully dying,
Sighing for her lost love, Summer,
Sighing for her lost youth, Spring.
Winter bore her gently
To her eternity.
Bore her with his gentle patience,
And laid her down to rest,
Content.
So let her lie,
So may I lie.
'Wherefore Lord forsakest Thou me,
Ah me?'

SUNSET

By E. BIRTCHNELL, II A

The sun goes down in a flaming ball,
The owl begins to hoot,
The moon puts on her silver shawl
And only the sound of the coot
Disturbs the silence of the stream
Which will awake in the sunshine's beam.

The owl repeats her lonely call
Once more that dismal hoot
The moon adorned in her silver shawl
Silently treads her route.
The owl begins a sudden flight
Under the bright moonlight.

THE WITCHES

By JOHN FOX, IV B

Darkness falls and through the sky
Two dark shapes on broomsticks fly,
Swiftly, silently, through the night
Brooding in a magic flight.

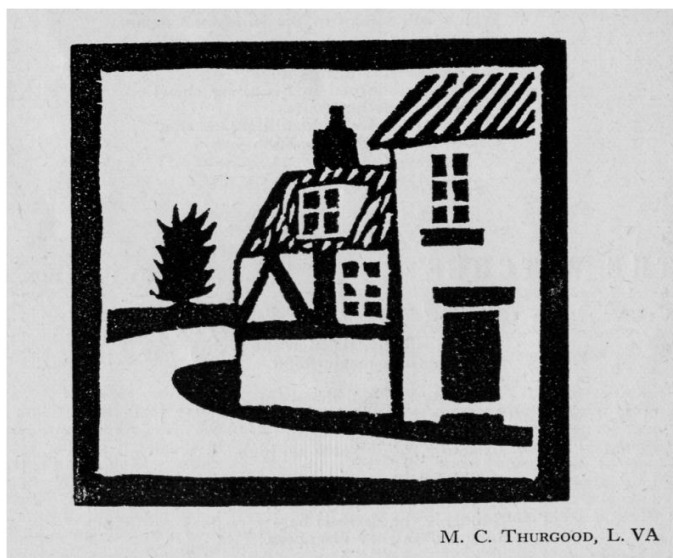
Streaking through the silent space
Meeting their unearthly race,
Wailing with a mournful cry,
Chanting magic spells on high.

Screaming, screeching voices shrill,
Hovering over many a hill;
Suddenly the dawn is here
Like a flash they disappear.

RED PIKE, 1952

By B. MATHIAS, U. VI

Green grass growing;
 Blue skies above,
 Cloudless.
 Trees in the valley,
 Dressed in green,
 Cast dark shadows
 On the turf;
 April,
 Sweet month.
 Spring and Winter
 Yet confront each other
 Face to face,
 Advancing and retiring.
 Spring, April, England.
 Gentle zephyrs stir below
 The waters of the lake,
 Scent of young spring blossoms
 On the breeze,
 Sunlight surging over Fells;
 Mountain, valley, rock and fell,
 Lake and river,
 Clear spring-air,
 And unrivalled beauty.
 And me.



M. C. THURGOOD, L. VA

ROBIN HOOD

By L. WAKEFIELD, IV B

Robin Hood and his merry men
 Were assembled in their den,
 Said Robin Hood: 'I have a plan,
 'We'll rob a wealthy gentleman.'

When at night the wind was howling,
 Among the trees his men were prowling;
 From afar a horse was heard,
 And warning given by a cry of a bird.

The rich man lost his purse of gold,
 And cursed aloud the men so bold,
 Who, though they knew they broke the law,
 Gave all the money to the poor.

HOW TO WAFFLE

By R. A. NEALE, U. VI

THE VERB 'TO WAFFLE', while it does not to the writer's knowledge appear in any dictionary, has a regular usage among certain teachers of English. The best definition might read: 'To waffle—in an essay, to eke out a meagre knowledge of the subject in hand by using irrelevant matter or padding.'

Waffling does, of course, involve padding, but it should not be left there. It is easily within the ability of every student of English to introduce space-consuming but unnecessary matter into his essays. But it cannot be emphasized too much that *waffling is an art*, and consequently is practised efficiently by very few. The true skill in waffling lies not in padding, but in doing so *in such a way that your English master does not recognize it as padding*. Years of practice are needed to perfect this skill, and even then it is necessary to know your man very well in order to decide exactly in what way he can be deceived. It amounts to psychology. For this very reason it is unwise to waffle in public exams. You do not know your examiner, and thus have no ground upon which to base your manner of 'waffling with intent to deceive'.

Nevertheless, a certain small percentage of writers of most extraordinary skill have the gift of deceiving their whole reading public. The present writer would be the last to divulge trade secrets, but such 'super-waffling' does exist. For instance, in spite of the title of this article, I have not told you how to waffle, but merely described what waffling is. You hadn't noticed that, had you?

FOR ALL

By M. C. GRIFFITHS, L. V A

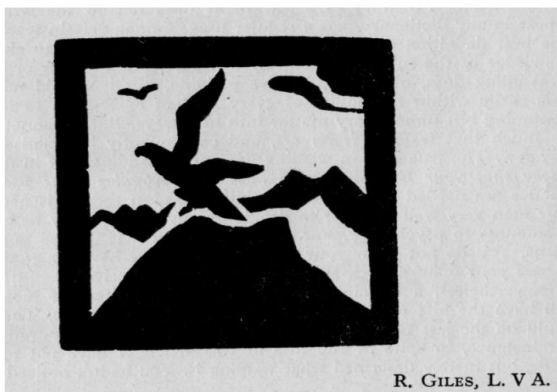
The bustle of an omnibus,
Confusion, clatter, noise and fuss,
Is something which should oft arrest
An idle stranger's interest.

In Winter's rain, and fog, and frost,
The passengers, ignoring cost,
Will stand in long and dismal queues,
Discussing all the latest news.

What a web these buses cover,
For city-bred or country-lover!
This will take you to the zoo,
Or would you like to go to Kew?

If you are in search of knowledge,
Try a trip to Eton College,
Or try the sea's refreshing air—
If you can afford the fare.

Green for country, red for town,
Right up to the city's crown,
Passing buildings of renown,
To rural road and open town.



R. GILES, L. V A.

MY CONTRIBUTION

By A. RACKSTRAW, L. V A

The strict command we must obey,
To make a contribution
Unto the mag., a worthy rag,
Or suffer retribution.

I thought at first that I would try
To write a Milton Sonnet,
But ere the half had been set down,
'Twas clear no one could con it.

To history then my thought did turn,
An episode I'd find,
But dates of battles, kings and queens,
Escaped my weary mind.

Perhaps a picture all in oils,
A thesis on Biology,
A Latin verse, no, I must find
A most sincere apology.

My eyes are dim, my mind is dead,
I fear I will collapse,
I must be up at break of day,
When thoughts may come—perhaps.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

Q. What is a Heroic Couplet?

A. A Heroic Cuplet was a small cup presented to a Greek hero, e.g., Achilles.

[This is a genuine school howler, but we withhold the perpetrator's name, —Ed.]

LIMERICK

By BRIAN HILL, L. V A

There was a young farmer of Gloucester,
Who was a driving a cow, when he lost her,
So he cut a large bough,
And followed the cow,
And jolly well put it acrost her.

PAGE THIRTEEN SUM-UP

By R. H. ESLING, U. VI

[The following was meant to be printed on page 13, but the layout of the magazine unfortunately prevented this from being done.—Ed.]

THE OTHER DAY I saw an irate butcher with a large knife in one hand and a string of sausages in the other roaring after a black cat which was carrying off a juicy piece of red meat, and it reminded me of the tale that black cats are a sign of good luck—this particular cat was very lucky. A large crowd gathered to watch: most of them had not seen red meat since the pictures on the recent election posters were peeled off one dark night. As I stood watching I thought of the numerous other superstitions with which our lives are dogged. On spilling the salt one should throw a pinch over each shoulder to ward off the advances of the devil, who as everyone knows manifests himself in the fire by giving off a blue-tinged flame. Should you be sitting round the fire admiring the devil at work, and a spark flies in your direction, you can be sure of receiving a letter soon. Should the spark fall on the mat and burn the house down the letter will be from the insurance company informing you of the expiry of your fire insurance policy three months previously. The number thirteen is always deemed unlucky and Friday, 13th, seems a particularly unfortunate combination. I know some people in this School who are so superstitious of Friday that they refuse to work in any week which contains a Friday. Not all people are so lazy with regard to superstition—why, some people walk yards to avoid passing beneath a ladder. I can recall having heard a tale from a friend whose aunt's brother-in-law's grandfather knew of a man who stepped into the road to avoid walking under a ladder, tripped, and fell headlong right in the path of a three-year-old boy on a scooter and suffered for the rest of his life from an intense desire to drink whisky to alleviate the dreadful shock he had received—but I digress. Nowadays when people see a lump of coal on the pavement they glance furtively round and bear it off home beneath their coat, but there was a time when superstitious people would stoop, pick up the lump and, having spat on it—such were our ancestors—cast it over their shoulders for luck. Why, I once knew a man who, starting work at the gas-works, died of thirst. . . . But I digress. Many superstitions are bound up with the weather: when the moon is on its back, rain is forecast. But when you view the new moon through a pane of glass you should immediately turn over all the money in your pockets. Of course, few people keep money in their pockets these days because of the suffering this entails. One man went to his doctor and told him that whenever he saw the price of cigarettes he suffered a severe pain in his pocket, which reminds me of the man who told his physician that whenever he drank tea he suffered from a severe stabbing pain in the left eye. The doctor diagnosed his trouble immediately and advised him to try taking the spoon out of the cup before drinking the tea. I know of people who believe it is unlucky to open an umbrella indoors. I once heard of an old woman who was unlucky through opening one *out of doors*—there was a gale blowing at the time and she was last reported as having been shot down over eastern Germany as an undesirable immigrant. Should you break a mirror your luck will fail for seven years, which is a minor sentence as compared with the horrors of shooting an albatross at sea—look at Coleridge's *Ancient Mariner*. Landlubbers don't very often get the chance of shooting an albatross, but they should always leap from their beds on the first of the month and shout 'Rabbits' for luck; but my ears are beginning to hum, which means that people are talking to me. Ah well, such is the price of fame!

News from the Old Boys

THE OLD PALUDIANS

AS IN EVERY year since the war, the Old Boys' Association has maintained a wide range of activities. The football, cricket and hockey sections flourish as never before. Junior Club has kept going with its nucleus of regular members, but many more members would be welcomed when its activities re-start in the autumn. The Photographic Section is almost entirely supported by schoolboys under the able direction of Mr. Mills. It is hoped that when those boys leave school they will continue with that activity.

The social activities include theatre trips and dances. The latter have not been as successful financially as in previous years, but it is hoped that this will be rectified when additional dances are organized at the Adelphi Ballroom in the autumn. The Invitation Christmas Dance was again a great success, and provided that support is forthcoming at other functions it should be possible to arrange a further one next December. Some senior boys attended this function and they would be welcomed again at others.

Visits to London theatres have included *Reluctant Heroes*, *Love of Four Colonels*, *Call Me Madam*, *Zip Goes a Million*, *Bet Your Life*, and *Relative Values*.

The number of subscribing members remains fairly static, many members renewing their subscriptions only twice in every three years. A fresh drive against, shall we call them, 'lapses of memory' will commence in July.

After twenty-seven years' association with the Old Paludians, Mr. Clarke's period as President of the Association has ended. On behalf of all Old Paludians may I express our sincere thanks for the co-operation always extended to us by Mr. Clarke. May he long continue to follow our activities.

In addition, a welcome is extended to Dr. Long, who becomes our new President on Mr. Clarke's retirement.

S. W. JONES (Hon. Secretary)

OLD PALUDIANS CRICKET CLUB

1951 SEASON

THIS SEASON PROVED to be quite a success in spite of a rather bad summer. Of the twenty-nine games played, eight were lost, eighteen won and three drawn. Although many of our matches were played in the rain, many of the members finished the season with very fair averages both at batting and bowling.

1952 SEASON

So far this season three of our fixtures have been scratched through bad weather and of the three played two have been lost and one drawn.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Clarke for all that he has done for us in the past and to wish him every happiness in his retirement.

E. J. GRANT (Hon. Secretary)

OLD PALUDIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

WHILST NO HONOURS were gained in 1951-52, the season marked a turning point in the playing strength of the Old Paludians, and some ten new players were welcomed. Four footballers from the School made their debut and B. Ackrell and J. Davenport were successful in gaining, and keeping on merit, their places in the first eleven. Gale and Lewis had good games in the second eleven and helped, along with that old stalwart H. Vandepeer, to record the second eleven's best season for some three years.

Application has been made to enter a third eleven in the Division III West of the Old Boys League, and players from the School are particularly welcomed for this eleven and indeed for either of the other elevens playing in Division II West and the Senior Division.

Our thanks are again due to the School for the use of pitches and changing facilities; also to Mr. and Mrs. Charman for the excellent teas.

Our new outlet in the club has been the advent of some social evenings. Two were held this year, both at Richmond, and they proved most successful. It is hoped that they can be continued.

H. J. I. BRYANT (Hon. Secretary)

OLD PALUDIANS (MEN'S) HOCKEY CLUB

SEASON 1951-52

THE SUCCESS OF the Old Pals Hockey Club for the 1951-52 season is adequately reflected in the results:

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Goals</i>	
					<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Saturday 1st XI	22	15	3	4	58	28
" 2nd XI	19	10	3	6	56	33
Sun. men's XI	8	6	1	1	20	8
" mixed XI	1	0	0	1	0	7
TOTAL	50	31	7	12	134	76

These results are even more creditable when it is remembered that the standard of fixtures for all our teams was higher than for any previous seasons. Our fixture-list now includes all 1st XI's of major clubs in Bucks and the surrounding area.

During the season three of our members, C. Thompson, P. Ford and P. May represented the County 1st XI, whilst these three players, together with the writer, played for the County 'A' XI and the County Sunday XI in some or all of their games.

Our membership has been satisfactory but new members, desirous of playing hockey regularly, will always be welcomed. In this connection the Committee were most pleased to hear that hockey had recommenced at the School and were glad to renew our fixture with the School and to provide such coaching as we are able. We sincerely hope that members of the School and ex-members will contact us if they wish to continue their hockey upon leaving.

At our A.G.M. held on 21st April, we were sorry to learn that we shall be losing our Captain, Peter Ford, but we are confident that the 1952-53 season will be more successful and enjoyable than ever before.

J. E. STOCK (Hon. Secretary)